

# Wrap-Around Migrant Preschool

## IN Region 4 Migrant Preschool Center is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** Indiana's Region 4 Migrant Education Center. We identify and serve migrant children ages 3-21 who have moved to southwestern Indiana with their families. In addition to our regular school year and summer school programs, we offer a wrap-around preschool program that started last fall.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** move here for seasonal work in agriculture from Florida, Texas, and Mexico with very few belongings. We strive to create a sense of community and commitment with our families.

**OUR TEACHERS** and two teaching assistants have been trained in many areas including the IN Foundations Standards, WIDA English Learner standards, reading and math strategies, civil rights, as well as food safety.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** provides the educational support our families need in order to earn a living. Our students come early and stay later than most preschoolers to allow parents more time for their work. Our teachers create a learning environment filled with activities for child-centered development including: math, science, language arts, technology, dramatic play, blocks, art, sand and water, books, and the outdoors. Through centers, small groups, and whole group times, our children learn with each other and independently as they increase their physical, mental, emotional, and motor skills. Our goal is for each child to gain abilities daily to be ready to successfully complete kindergarten when that time arrives.

**OUR STEPS** to make this preschool successful have taken many forms. We work with the Texas-based TMC group to share the facility. We partner with VanGo to provide bus services for our students from their homes to our school. We recruit and train the best teacher and assistant candidates in our area. Whether we are acquiring and organizing all materials, planning healthy menus, or providing educational resources directly to the families, we strive to make a positive impact on each child and family.

"I liked holding the worms outside because they feel weird." Jovany, age 5

"I am grateful as they have taught my child quite well.

Thanks for your time!" Antonia, parent

"Our kiddos learn through play with support and guidance to help them become confident in their learning." Mrs. LeDune, teacher

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

"I can spell 'zoo' and 'mom' and write my name." Cindy, age 5

"Our preschool provides a safe, learning place for the children while their parents are at work."

Ms. Vaughn, teacher

"The preschool is good for the children because they learn numbers, letters, and sounds." Mrs. Calles, teacher assistant

"I like that my son learned his ABC's and lots of songs." Selena, parent

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